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References (2) to (4) were cited in a Supplementary European Search Report dated May 20, 2008, issued in corresponding European Patent Application No. 04 787 642.0. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report is enclosed.

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